



UGS Provost Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students

2017 Graduate Student Appreciation Week, March 27-March 31

Purpose

The **UGS Provost Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students** recognizes excellence in the teaching and mentoring of graduate students outside the formal classroom experience.

Procedure

There is a two-step nomination procedure for this award. Step 1: A faculty mentor must be nominated by a graduate student via submission of this form with an accompanying nomination letter. Step 2: Once nomination letters are evaluated by UGS, those faculty nominees identified as finalists will be invited by UGS to submit additional information for the second and final round of consideration.

Nomination Deadline

5:00 pm on Friday, March 3, 2017

Identifying Mentors

Mentors are faculty who share their knowledge and experience to enhance the scholarly professional and personal development of graduate students. Mentors are more than advisors. They guide students in the development of research topics, help them understand the ethical issues of their disciplines, assist them in publishing their work, introduce them to career opportunities and networks, and serve as role models providing moral, emotional, and intellectual support.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be full-time graduate faculty
- The nominee must have been employed at FIU for at least *three* academic years, including this academic year
- Winners of this award within the last two years are not eligible for nomination

Criteria

The following are examples of qualities and practices which can contribute to excellence in mentoring. They are listed in no particular order and a mentor need not display all these qualities:

- Encourages development of individual talents and strengths by acting as an advisor and guide in research or professional activities;
- Facilitates the acquisition of skills and resources needed to succeed as scholars or professionals;
- Provides support in administrative and professional matters, such as publishing, grant writing, presentation of research findings, and job placement;
- Demonstrates concern and support of personal development;
- Sponsors individuals in the academic/professional community;
- Is a successful role model;
- Has a long-term commitment to mentoring.

Nomination Letters:

Student nominators must submit a detailed letter explaining (based on the above criteria) why they feel the nominee should receive this award. Examples must be included in the letter.

Award Amount

Two awards are available in the amount of \$2000.00. Recipients will be recognized at the Recognition Reception during Graduate Appreciation Week on Friday, March 31 at 4:00 pm.



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Nomination Form

To be eligible, the nominee must be a full time graduate faculty member; the nominee must have been employed at FIU for at least three academic years, including this academic year. *Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 3, 2017.*

Student Nominator

Please complete the section below and attach a letter of recommendation that clearly articulates how the faculty member demonstrates the qualities and practices that contribute to excellence in mentoring.

Student Nominator: _____ PID _____
Last First MI

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Department: _____

Nominee: _____
Last First MI

Department: _____

Please circle all that apply: Graduate Faculty Dissertation Advisor Status

Note: graduate faculty/dissertation advisor status information can be confirmed at the [UGS Website](#).

The nomination form and supporting documentation must be submitted to the University Graduate School by no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 3, 2017. **After assembling these materials, please save them as ONE pdf file (not separate attachments), and email them to the University Graduate School (UGS) at ugs@fiu.edu with the following subject line: Student Engagement Award Nomination.** Questions pertaining to this award should be directed to Irene Baquero at ibaquero@fiu.edu or 305.348.3342.